

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CR 08-0160 MAG
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Plaintiff,)	[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
)	UNITED STATES' MOTION
v.)	FOR AUTHORITY TO COMPLY
)	WITH THE CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS
JOHN JOSEPH COTA,)	ACT (18 U.S.C. § 3771) USING
)	APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE
Defendant.)	MEASURES

Upon application of the United States of America, the Court finds that (1) the number of potential victims in this case and challenges in identifying victims makes it impracticable to provide individual notice as contemplated in the Crime Victims' Rights Act ("the Act") at 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(2); (2) accordingly, the "multiple crime victims" provision of the Act applies to this case; and, (3) the means of notifying potential victims as set forth in the United States' Motion for Authority to Comply with the Crime Victims' Rights Act Using Appropriate Alternative Measures constitutes a "reasonable procedure" to give effect to the notice provisions of the Act.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The United States’ Motion for Authority to Comply with the Crime Victims’ Rights Act Using Appropriate Alternative Measures is granted. Accordingly, the United States is authorized to comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(2) by giving notice to potential victims in this case through (1) counsel in pending related civil cases brought by victims of the November 7, 2007, oil spill; (2) the following trade organizations whose members are potential victims of the November 7, 2007 oil spill: Pacific Coast Federation of

1 Fishermen's Associations, the Crab Boat Owners' Association, and the Small Boat
2 Commercial Salmon Fishermen's Association; and (3) posting information relevant to the
3 notification of victims on the website for the United States Attorney's Office's for the
4 Northern District of California, located at
5 <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/can/community/Notifications/index.html>, on an ongoing basis
6 throughout the court proceedings.
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8 SO ORDERED.
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United States Magistrate Judge
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